GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security arrangements made by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and Central Industrial Security Force at different airports in the country are not satisfactory;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of times the security lapses of these agencies were noticed by the Government during the last one year;

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to make the security arrangement foolproof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.61 for 26.2.2001 regarding `Security Arrangements at Airports`

(a) to (e) There are laid down standards and guidelines under which the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security makes security arrangements at different airports, and it monitors their enforcement while the actual security functions are performed by different security agencies. The system is periodically reviewed by further strengthening the security wherever it is necessary.

During the last one year, no lapse has led to a disturbing consequence. Individual cases of lapses, if any, are dealt with strictly and disciplinary action is taken against the officials found guilty.

Government has taken a number of steps for strengthening security arrangements at airports. These include introduction of CISF in phases to bring about uniformity in training and standardised implementation of directives, which has not been possible with the traditional system of deployment of State police forces; introduction of ladder-point frisking at airports; deployment of Sky Marshals on selected routes on random basis; and arrangements for imparting comprehensive training to security staff and cockpit/cabin crew.